

TOWN OF JEFFERSON
SELECT BOARD
March 4, 2019

The regular meeting of the Board of Selectmen for the Town of Jefferson was held at the Select Board Office Monday March 4, 2019 at 7:00 pm

PRESENT: Cindy Silver, Chair; Kevin Meehan and Tom Brady members comprising a quorum of the Board.

OTHERS PRESENT: Linda Cushman, Assistant to Selectmen; Jeff Young, Asst. Moderator; Lynn Holland, Moderator; Ed and Glenda Rosebrook

Cindy Silver opened the regular Select Board meeting at 7:00. The Highway and Transfer Station report was reviewed.

The Chair led the Pledge of Allegiance

The warrants were signed for the payroll and accounts payable.

Minute Approval:

Tom Brady made a motion to accepted the minutes of the February 27, 2019 meeting. Kevin Meehan seconded the motion. Tom made a motion to correct the minutes. Kevin seconded the motion to correct. The motion to correct carries. The motion to approve the minutes as corrected carries.

Public input:

Glenda Rosebrook told the Board that she was working at the Jefferson School in the 4th grade. During the years of 1993, 1994 and 1995 the 4th graders worked on projects for the 1996 Jefferson Bicentennial. The kids had made coffee mugs. They work under Bonnie Hicks, Lynn Emery and Sue Hawkins as teachers and with Helen Merrill and Jeanne Kenison. Glenda said that she has the twelve mugs that the kids designed and would like to give them back to the Town. Cindy said that is great. There is a display case at the school building where these mugs could be displayed. This case has historical items in it. Cindy said that they would like to have historical items from the school to display. The 4th grade did New Hampshire history is why they had done this project.

Lynn Holland told the Board that they should be prepared to discuss the school building. She said that why she feels this way is that the survey went out last year and there has not been any communication with regards to the results of the survey. Lynn said that she was not going to be able to answer any questions about whats happened at the school or the survey. Lynn was asked if she had been to any of the meetings on the school survey. No, as she had prior obligations. She said that she has had over ten people contact her asking about the survey. Lynn was told that the survey results are on the Town's web site. Cindy said that the Board has said this many time that they are available to answer questions either by phone, email or at the office. Kevin said that we have a copy of the results. Copies can and will be made and be available during Town Meeting. One of the complaints that had been mentioned and the Board tried to accommodate them was scheduling an evening and Saturday meeting to review the survey results with North Country Council. Tom said that the meeting regarding the survey was

advertised in the newspapers. Kevin said that if Lynn is getting questions to feel free to give them the Boards contact information. Lynn said that she had not done this but would in the future. Cindy said that she understand and respect that not everyone has internet access or a computer however the Board is trying to do their due diligence by putting things in the newspapers or putting fliers around. Tom said that he just is not sure if Lynn was aware of the time frame for the survey results being released. First the surveys had to go to North Country Council for them to comply the results to get back to the Board and then schedule a presentation for the public. Tom said the Board has done a lot of work on this and trying to be as open as possible. All of this is in the Boards minutes. The minutes are available on the web site and at the Office. Anyone who wants to get the minutes can do it. Tom and Cindy both said that a lot has been done to make the public aware of what is happening.

Reports of Departments/Boards:

Highway Department: Linda Cushman said that in talking with Mark Dubois everything is going good.

Office: Linda said that it has been a short time since the last report. She and Bruce Hartford set up the hall for Town Meeting. She work with Joyce McGee to locate property owners within a 4000-foot radius of the Whitefield water supply. There were request from banks looking for property cards and maps.

Newsletter:

Cindy said that she had emailed the Board a copy of the newsletter from Grafton. She said personally and as a Board member would like to see something like this. It can start off as just one page and grow from there having just quick hits. Other departments could be reached out to for input, as well as school information. Tom asked where would a newsletter go. It could be at the Town Office, Old Corner Store and the Library. Cindy said that the Town of Carroll also does a newsletter. It is a two-sided letter with quick hits, very informative. This newsletter has information about fund raisers and activities that is going on. A newsletter would be a good way to share information in lieu of the signs that go out. Tom asked how often would this newsletter be done. Cindy said that once a quarter to start. Or it could be once a month, knowing that things are progressing with the school property. Cindy said that she would be more than happy to put a newsletter together. Tom asked if it would be on the web site. Yes, as well as hard copies. Tom said that he likes the idea of a newsletter and he in fine with having Cindy do the letter. Kevin said that he agrees. Cindy said that anyone who would like to have something included in a newsletter could contact her.

Old Business:

Linda said that she had done some research on amending the budget. Yes, you can amend a individual line item, however it does not matter because the Board does have the authority to transfer fund from one line item to another. As for the 10% rule this only applies to Towns that have a budget committee. This information came for the Town Meeting handbook. Lynn asked if there is a particular issue that may arise. No, this was just a in general question.

Linda asked if there is any information that the Board want to have available for Town Meeting. She said that she will have copies of the survey results made. Kevin asked if a timeline could be provided that go with the survey.

Jeff suggested to have the posters that North Country Council had at the school would be nice. Linda

said that the information on the posters were all in the paper copies.

Cindy said that she has not had time to contact Michele at NCC to find out the next set.

Kevin asked Lynn if this information can be put out in the hall. Yes it is nothing political.

Linda said the Town Reports should be delivered Tuesday.

Public input – None

Non-Public(if needed): -None

Other Business -

There were two building permits reviewed.

Erik Bergum is install ground solar panels, GoSolar is doing the installation. The permit was approved

Fred Lovejoy has submitted a permit to build a 15x20 garage at his property on Belle Hunt Road. The permit was approved.

Tom reviewed the notice from the Coos County. The County will be holding a public hearing on March 16, 2019 on the supplemental budget that is for \$340,928. This money would be for Integrated Delivery Networks. as this money is coming from the Proportionate Share Medicaid revenue. Coos County receives a higher portion of this money because of the poorer population and having two nursing homes. The State had originally asked for \$700,000 back and the Commissioners had said no. The delegation agreed to send 30% of what had been requested, and the Commissioners said no they would not send it. Back in November Jeff Meyers the Commissioner of Health and Human service ask if the County would agree to send \$100,000. The Commissioners decided that they would agree to the \$100,000. When the meeting was held a representative from Health and Human Service was there requesting \$340,928. This amount will not affect the taxes to the towns as it would come from surplus. The reason for the supplemental budget is because this money can not be appropriated without holding a public hearing. Tom said that the program may be very well warranted there are things that need to be discussed. With Littleton pulling out of the the hospital network, you have to wonder how this is going to effect things. Littleton is a major contributor. They were a major player in the County's delivery network up here. If Littleton is no longer part of this is Coos County County funds going to Grafton County.

Tom said that from what he understands is that many of the other towns are not in favor of the States request for the return of the funds. If the funds stayed with the County it would be used to reduce taxes.

Tom said that he thinks that there are two other counties that are taking a stance on this. Coos County is being asked to return more than some of the larger southern counties.

Cindy said that there was a n email from the library trustees is there anything that needs to be discussed. Kevin said that he does not know what the Board can do now. It appears that there is a skunk under the library. It was determined that at this time there isn't much that can be done. Come spring when they start moving perhaps a trap can be set.

Cindy said that she reached out to the library trustee for the layout that the library building committee had come up with.

Cindy also mentioned that she would not be available at the polls Tuesday as she has to work.

Public Input: None

Non-Public RSA-91-A:39(if needed): None

The next meeting will be March 11, 2019. Town Meeting is Tuesday March 12, 2019 Polls open at Noon.

Tom made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Kevin seconded the motion. Motion carries.

The meeting adjourned at 8:03 pm.

Respectfully submitted,